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AUSTRIAN EMPEROR REAPPEARS.

To Assume Crown of Hungary?

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 29.

The greatest astonishment has been caused by the sudden arrival of the Austrian Emperor Karl in Hungary, of which it is rumoured he intends to assume the crown.

Well-informed persons in Paris and Rome are inclined to discredit the reports, but details of the journey are given both from Vienna and Buda Pest showing that Karl, disguised, reached the Austro-Hungarian frontier on Saturday.

The Hungarian Premier, M. Teleki, was summoned and urged the Emperor "not to carry out his intentions." Karl, however, proceeded to Buda Pest and saw the Regent, Admiral Horthy, who advised him to return to Switzerland. Karl declined to leave the country and is at present staying at Steinamanger.

ANOTHER IRISH OUTRAGE.

Former Chinese Labour Corps Officer Murdered.

London, March 29.

Four armed men shot and killed a Dublin Castle official, Captain Rees, outside his hotel in Dublin at ten o'clock this morning.

Later.
The official shot in Dublin was Captain Cecil Lees, formerly of the Chinese Labour Corps, a son of the former British Consul in France. Five shots were fired as he left the hotel for the Castle and he was killed instantaneously. His assassins escaped in the side streets.

Report on Mallow Incident.

London, March 29.

A White Paper report on the Mallow court enquiry regarding the shooting of railwaymen, cabled on February 2nd, finds that it was an unnecessary custom for railwaymen off duty to remain at Mallow station after curfew hours; that the railwaymen taken to the barracks were not beaten, inhumanly treated or in any wise abused, nor told to run nor fired upon when released from their cells; that a party of railwaymen were not fired upon when leaving the railway station for the barracks; and, finally, that the remainder of the allegations made in the House of Commons were not substantiated by evidence. The report mentions that the President of the Court, Colonel O'Donnell, was told that the railwaymen were not fired upon when leaving the barracks, and that the railwaymen were not fired upon when leaving the barracks.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

German Concerns Resuming Activity.

London, March 29.

A Berlin telegram states that former German South Sea commercial undertakings are preparing to resume activity on a great scale. Their plans comprise fusions, increases of capital and invocations of American help. A fusion has already been formed between two leading concerns, the Jaluit Company of Hamburg, and the German Trade and Plantations Company of the South Sea Islands, which have formed a new Company called the Trade and Colonisation Company, Limited, behind which stand big banks and several important merchants of the Hanseatic cities. The Jaluit Company formerly operated in the Marshall and Caroline Islands and had valuable phosphates rights at Nauru, whilst the Trade and Plantations Company operated in Samoa.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

No Empire Constitution to be Proposed.

London, March 29.

Reuter learns that enquiries in authoritative circles dispose completely of the suggestion that the question of Imperial federation will be discussed at the June conference of the Dominions Prime Ministers. It appears to be fully recognised that, even if a definite Constitution for the Empire found favour in Britain (which is nowise certain), the opposition thereto in the Dominions would be such as to rule out even a hint of a concrete proposal. The agenda of the conference, as far as Britain is concerned, mainly consists of items previously cabled, although there is no doubt that the arrangements for the so-called constitution of the conference of 1922, such as venue, date, personnel, &c., will also be discussed.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

No Action Being Taken Yet.

London, March 29.

Reuter learns that the reports regarding the development of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance Treaty are quite baseless. The question has not yet been formally raised by Britain or Japan. The statement that a new draft Treaty, with certain modifications, has been drawn up is pure fiction. Japan, as well as Britain, realises the necessity of certain modifications in view of the requirements of the League of Nations, but the main fact is that the Dominions have the fullest right to be considered, and it is perfectly well known that nothing whatever will be done until the meeting of the Imperial Conference in June.

THE DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER CONTEST.

Joel Report a Hoax.

London, March 29.

The New York newspaper story of Mr. Solly Joel endeavouring to finance the fight between Dempsey and Carpentier proves to be a hoax. Mr. Jack Joel informs Reuter that the report is baseless.

THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

London, March 29.

With reference to reports from New York, it is authoritatively stated in London that nothing is known as regards the alleged steps taken by the United States to approach the British Government on the question of disarmament.

THE COMMUNIST OUTBREAK.

Measures Taken at All Points.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, March 29.

The Communist outbreak which had already been dying down finished to-day when Government troops surrounded the big hydrogen plant at Leuna, near Halle, which was the Communist headquarters, and forced the insurgents to surrender. A thousand prisoners were taken, and large supplies of arms and ammunition were recovered.

The Reichswehr, whose numbers Berlin greatly augmented yesterday, is now stamping out the embers of the revolt, notably at Leipzig, Rhineland and Westphalia. A state of siege has been declared in the districts of Muenster, Arnberg and the unoccupied part of Dusseldorf. The Entente has restored arms to the police in the occupied part of Dusseldorf with an order to repulse any Communist attack. Fifty casualties occurred in fights between the police and Reds at Essen yesterday.

Rounding-up Prisoners.

Berlin, March 30.

The authorities are busily rounding-up the defeated rebels. At present 1,400 have been made prisoners in Central Germany.

U.S. NATURALIST'S DEATH.

New York, March 29.

The naturalist, Mr. John K. Burroughs, died suddenly in a train at Ohio while proceeding to his home at West Park, New York.

THE DISORDERS IN SILESIA.

Explanation of the Oppeln Incident.

London, March 29.

In regard to the attack on British troops in Upper Silesia, as cabled yesterday, Reuter understands the facts are that a band of Poles on the 25th inst. bombed a lorry-load of British troops without serious casualties. The attack has no political significance, being merely due to unreasonable anti-foreign feeling of the Poles, owing to disappointment at the result of the plebiscite.

Wire Obstructions Causes Fatal Motor Car Accident.

Paris, March 29.

From Oppeln another outrage in Silesia is reported. A motor car belonging to the Inter-Allied Commission smashed into a wire stretched across the roadway and was wrecked against a tree. The French chauffeur was killed and two French officials were injured. The Commissioners continue to receive numbers of threatening letters.

THE VARSITY BOAT RACE.

Keen Contest Anticipated.

London, March 29.

The weather, which has become cold, wet and stormy, may be a decisive factor in the Varsity Boat Race, which promises to be one of the closest of recent years. Cambridge still start favourites, but the odds are fractional compared with those laid when the crews first appeared at Putney. Oxford have improved with every outing. While Cambridge retain supremacy in style, Oxford have shown staying power, forecasting a thrilling finish.

WIRELESS STATION FOR SHANGHAI.

An American Installation.

Washington, March 29.

The Department of Commerce announces that work will shortly be commencing on the erection of a wireless station at Shanghai under an agreement between the Chinese Government and the American Federal Telegraph Company. It is anticipated that it will be completed within eighteen months and enable direct wireless communication across the Pacific without relay stations. It is also proposed to establish stations at Peking, Harbin and Canton.

CANADIAN MERCANTILE MARINE.

Substantial Additions to be Made.

Ottawa, March 30.

The Government's fleet of 47 merchantmen is being increased on July 1st by 16, of which seven will be oil-burners. The cost of construction will be \$100 per ton. Net earnings last year amounted to 2½ per cent., which is regarded as satisfactory in view of the abnormal conditions.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

Swedish Banks and Export Houses form Organisation.

Stockholm, March 30.

The biggest export concerns and some of the leading banks have formed an organisation capitalised at a milliard kronor with the object of opening financial and commercial relations with the Soviets.

GREEKS CAPTURE 1,700 PRISONERS.

Smyrna, March 29.

It is reported that the Greeks took 1,700 prisoners at Afinkia Ahissar. The losses on both sides were heavy.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, March 29.

Information from a diplomatic source states that Japan will follow America's lead in appropriating the whole amount of her share of the Boxer Indemnity for the establishing of Universities in Tsingtao and Manchuria, but the other Powers have not yet disclosed their attitude.

A conflict has arisen between the old and new Russian parties in Kiakhta. The former is composed mostly of Japanese, Mongolian and Chinese.

Shanghai, March 29.

It is revealed that Chu Shu-ling is living in Hongkong, but not going to Kowloon as recently stated.

HON. MR. J. JOHNSTONE.

Leaving for Home on Retirement.

A well-known and highly esteemed resident of the Colony, who has been prominently associated with the commercial, social and sporting life of the Far East for many years, leaves for Home on retirement to-morrow. We refer to the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone, the popular head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Ltd., who, together with Mrs. Johnstone, departs by the Empress of Asia.

As to Mr. Johnstone's business associations with the East, these are too well known to be dated upon. Suffice it to say that in the great commercial house which he has served with distinction for many years and as a Director of numerous Companies he has displayed business acumen of the highest order and has ever keenly supported British trade in the Orient. Both in Shanghai and in Hongkong, he has taken a leading part in public life, having done much good work on the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Legislative Council here. He has also served on a number of bodies in both places and has been an especially enthusiastic official of the St. Andrew's Society, of which he is President in Hongkong.

RACING CAREER.

Mr. Johnstone's keen interest in turf matters is well-known throughout the East. In his notes on pony and horse racing published several years ago, Mr. F. H. (now Sir Henry) May said:—"In Mr. John Johnstone, Hongkong possesses an expert rider, whose easy seat and fine riding are so familiar to my readers that I need not dilate upon them. In Shanghai he bears the reputation of being the best steeplechase rider there. That is saying a great deal, for they are critical in Shanghai. . . . We will pay Mr. Johnstone the compliment of saying that we have not seen a better horseman East of Suez."

Mr. Johnstone's racing career in the East would make most interesting reading, but we have not the full details before us. The first Meeting he rode in, however, was in Hongkong in 1903, two months after his arrival in the East, when he succeeded in winning the Jockey Cup on a pony named Ben-y-Gloa belonging to the late Mr. C. H. Ross. His first winning ride as owner and jockey came in 1904, when he won the Professional Cup on a grey pony called Runaway Girl, purchased from Mr. W. A. Cruickshank. Since 1903, down to December 31st, 1919, Mr. Johnstone has ridden in 1,178 races, winning 334, securing 192 seconds and 186 thirds, being unplaced 466 times, and as this list does not include the record of Off Days or Gymkhanas, in which minor events he has been extremely fortunate, these totals must be considerably increased without spoiling the average. Mr. Johnstone's most successful Meeting in Hongkong was in 1915, when his record for the Meeting was:—16 wins, 3 seconds, 6 thirds and 7

CANTON SUFFRAGETTES IN PARADE.

Students Neglect Their Studies.

Following their recent dramatic end noisy demonstration at the Provincial Assembly, last Monday, from which several of their leaders have not yet recovered from the injuries which they sustained at the hands of the merciless Assembly men who devoid of all chivalry had knocked them unconscious to the floor during the melee, the women suffragettes, numbering more than a thousand strong, held a meeting at the Kwangsi Association Building yesterday morning where more plans were discussed to continue their fight.

The third floor of the Building was crowded with the amateur militant suffragettes who were mostly students from the different girls schools in the city. The walls in the meeting room were decorated with scrolls with the slogans "Equality of Sex," "Long-live Dr. Sun Yat sen and General Chen Chung-ming," "Fight to the finish," "Give us the vote," "Women Suffrage in China," etc., etc.

There never was such an enthusiastic meeting of the fairer sex as that held yesterday at the Kwangsi Building. Speeches were delivered by the leaders and some male visitors who are sympathetic with the movement. Immediately after the meeting, a monster parade was held which proceeded to the place where the historic fight of the day before was fought—the Provincial Assembly. From the Assembly the procession of the thousand odd women and girls each carrying a flag with the slogans of their movement, proceeded to the Civil Governor's Yamen and thence to the Military Government, where jubilant songs and national airs were sung, as an expression of their appreciation to the officials who sympathise with the suffrage movement.—Canton Times.

unplaced—a record, we believe for the three days' racing in Hongkong.

All the most important races to be won in Hongkong have fallen to his share during the years he has been riding here, including the Derby, which he won twice, on Kirkwood, Fijian Chief and Silverstreak respectively, and the Champions on Fijian Chief, Night Hawk and Silverstreak. But his favourite race would appear to have been the Ladies' Purse, which he has won no less than seven times, on Set, Cotswold, Auchendoon, Mayfair, President, Grotta Green and Star of Doon. Amongst the many good ponies he has owned and ridden both here and in Shanghai the following are probably the ones he has best reason to fondly remember—Silverstreak, Sandy, Black Diamond, Cotswold, President, Set, Ard Patrick, Peter, Black Ivory; and, of subscription griffins, Blackmore Vale, Homocoe, Ca' Canny, Alacrity and Irish Stew.



EX-EMPEROR KARL.

the former ruler of Austria, who has made a dramatic reappearance in Hungary.

PROTECTING CHINESE COMMERCE.

Important Hongkong Gathering.

A number of prominent Chinese from Canton, together with leading Hongkong Chinese merchants, were entertained at a hotel in West Point by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, when a decision was unanimously arrived at that a General Commerce Protecting Association, with branches in all important places in South China, be formed.

The Association's objects state that as foreign commercial affairs have greatly changed as a result of the war, there must be an Association to conduct and protect Chinese commerce on unified lines; that as Hongkong is the greatest trading port in the South, and, but for disturbances in the interior and the non-completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway, would be the collecting place for South China products, the Association should join hands with merchants in the interior to effect improvements in trade, to the common benefit of both; and that, in view of the steady growth of Socialistic views and the serious consequences which would arise if the Guilds did not work on good lines, the Association should protect capitalists and encourage production whilst at the same time not hindering the workers.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Patrons of Repulse Bay Hotel on Wednesday and Saturday will have the pleasure of hearing the Italian vocalists, Signor Antonio Molinari and Signora Molinari.—Page 4.

Sufferers from colds should secure Watson's Cold Cure Tablets.—Page 6.

The first Gymkhana Meeting of the present season takes place at Happy Valley on Saturday next.—Page 4.

A fresh consignment of cheese has been received by the Dairy Farm.—Page 7.

The principal attraction at the Hongkong Theatre is the well-known picture "Fighting Creasy"—Page 12.

On Monday next Messrs. Lam-mart Bros. are selling household furniture at "Craigoburn" the Park.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4d.

The Weather.

24th March, 1921. Sun. Partly cloudy. 50° F. Wind S.W. 1-2 m.p.h.

MR. JOHN K. BURROUGHS

the former American naturalist who died recently

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HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

Outspoken Address by The Chairman.

The annual general meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held at 4 p.m. yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building. In the absence of the Chairman (Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) owing to illness, Hon. Mr. John Johnstone presided, and with him were the following members of General Committee:—Messrs. P. L. Knight, G. M. Dodwell, A. O. Lang, J. A. Plummer, G. T. Edkins, A. G. Stephen and A. S. Gubbay. There were also present the following:—Messrs. Asiatic Petroleum Co., (Mr. W. H. Bell); Arnold Bros. and Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Monteith Webb); Botelth Bros. (Mr. P. V. Botelth); Bradley and Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. W. Hill); British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. Kennett); Butterfield and Swire (Mr. G. T. M. Edkins and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw); Britto and Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Esmail); British Borneo Timber Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Lakin); Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. (Mr. J. H. Wallace); Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard); Carters (Mr. V. C. Ponsonby); China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. Bennett and Mr. J. P. Sherry); China Light and Power Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Elliott); Dodwell and Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Dodwell); Donnelly and Whyte (Mr. L. M. Whyte); Eastern Extension Australasia and Telegraph Co. (Mr. M. E. F. Airey); Walter Ford and Co. (Mr. Arthur Samy); Gande Price and Co., Ltd. (Mr. C. Bond); Gibb Livingston and Co. (Mr. A. O. Lang); Gilman and Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin); Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. R. G. Hall); W. A. Hannibal and Co. (Mr. J. Robertson); Hausmann, Kern and Co. (Mr. E. Hausmann); Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. A. W. van Andel); Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh); Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Mr. A. Stephen); Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. M. Dyer); J. D. Hutchison and Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce); Sir Robert Ho Tung; Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. (Hon. Mr. John Johnstone); Lowe, Bingham and Matthews (Mr. A. R. Lowe); W. R. Loxley and Co. (Mr. W. L. Potten); Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong (Mr. D. K. Bair); J. R. Michael and Co. (Mr. Vevean Benjamin); Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. (Mr. P. L. Knight); Mr. G. C. Moxon; New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. W. Stockhouse); North China Insurance Co. (Mr. L. F. Townend); Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; Messrs. Reiss and Co. (Mr. J. H. Brister); Alex. Ross and Co. (Mr. Alex. Ross and Mr. A. S. D. Cousland); J. M. da Rocha and Co. (Mr. M. da Rocha); E. D. Sassoon and Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. H. Dutton and Mr. A. S. Gubbay); Shewan Tomes and Co. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); H. Skott and Co. (Mr. G. E. Wetton); De Sousa and Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. M. d'A. Remedios); Stewart Bros. (Mr. Evan Ormiston); The Texas Co. (Mr. D. M. Larkins); Mr. F. P. Talati (Mr. M. P. Talati); Messrs. Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. Paul Lauder); C. E. Warren

and Co. (Mr. C. E. Warren); Harry Wicking and Co. (Mr. Andrew Forbes); Mr. H. Percy Smith, Lt.-Col. R. M. Crosse and Mr. E. A. M. Williams (Secretary). The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said: I regret to state that your Chairman, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, is not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to permit of his conducting this Meeting, and under the circumstances you will, I trust, excuse me for taking the Chair.

The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days and we will, with your permission, adopt the usual course and take them as read. As will be seen from the Report a diversity of matters have occupied the attention of the Committee, several of which are now assuming the character of hardy annuals. Before dealing with these I would ask you to bear in mind that the subjects of the speech and remarks from the Chair on these occasions are largely at the discretion of the Chairman, which being the case, don't blame Mr. Holyoak for anything I say to-night with which you do not agree.

BRITISH METHODS AND IDEAS.

Our title "The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce" rightly implies that we are general in the sense that all nationalities doing business in Hongkong are entitled to membership and as we are all striving towards the same end—namely, an improvement of the trade relations of this Colony with China—we welcome all to our fold. It must not be forgotten, however, that this is a British Colony and we cannot be blamed if we incline to British methods, and put forward British ideas with what may seem to members of other nationalities, undue emphasis. Judging by the increasing number of foreign firms who have established themselves in Hongkong of late years, the disabilities under which they labour appear to be outweighed by the advantages they gain under British rule, or the methods this Chamber adopts in handling their affairs. I will ask you to bear these views in mind, gentlemen, in following me through a brief review of our activities during the year 1920, and to be mindful that although a General Chamber in name, we are British at bottom, and do not propose to slur over incidents merely because it might hurt people's feelings to air them, whether they be our own nationals or not.

CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI

I would first refer to the Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai. In my opinion, the importance attaching to this annual meeting cannot be over-estimated, not because it happens to be British, but because of its general bearing on the trade of China. It deserves the most active support of all those in a position to give it, and I trust Hongkong will continue to do her share in bringing forward questions which affect the welfare of all who rely upon trade with China for their livelihood. This Chamber should also make a point of sending one or two members of our Committee to attend annual meetings.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee consider that this is a matter of the utmost im-

portance to the future of our trade relation with China, and so far as lies in their power, have and are endeavouring to assist young China to acquire a thorough knowledge of English and the best traditions—business or otherwise—which a knowledge of this language confers. In the respect of funds for educational purposes, we are a long way behind our American cousins who with their Rockefeller and Y.M.C.A. Institutes, are enabled to attend to the education and look after the welfare of returned students in a manner which redounds to their credit and makes for the propagation of American ideals. Whilst we are content in the knowledge that the aims and objects of our American cousins coincide with our own in these matters, and that where the two English speaking races are pulling together as they will always do, there is little to complain of, yet it galls us to continue to play second fiddle, especially when we believe that much more could, and should be done. It is the opinion of your Committee that in this matter the Hongkong Government should play a greater part. They should remember that Hongkong represents the "lips," Canton the "mouth" of the southern provinces of China, and that Hongkong by reason of her situation is, from a merchant point of view, to all intents and purposes a part of China. (Applause). The Government should abandon their parochial point of view and take a more general interest in all questions affecting China and our business relations with her. It is trade that has made this place and it is to trade the Government must look to support it, in return we look for and expect assistance in questions which, in our opinion, make for the good of that trade.

CABLE DELAYS.

This year shows a distinct improvement of our telegraphic service over that of the last few years, although of necessity we have kept this matter always before us. With the assistance of associated bodies everything has been done to impress on those responsible the absolute necessity for a quick and reliable telegraphic service. Happily this should be realised in the near future and I think it fitting I should acknowledge that the Associated Cable Companies are doing their utmost to meet the requirements of the business community. True even now we are occasionally subject to rather long delays but I am afraid these are inconveniences we must now and again meet philosophically until the Cable Companies' programme is completely carried out.

DIAPHANE SYSTEM OF FOG SIGNALS.

IN HONGKONG WATERS.

Your Chairman at last year's Meeting was able to announce that the Government had agreed to the adoption of the China Coast System of Fog Signals, thus securing uniformity. Dealing further with "Aids to Navigation" we have this year forwarded to the Local Authorities a resolution recommending that the Diaphane System of Fog Signals be installed at the approaches to Hongkong. The resolution was the outcome of a debate at the Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in China held at Shanghai, and it is to be regretted that I cannot at the moment report any further developments.

CROWN AGENTS.

For some years now we, in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce in the Straits and F.M.S. and Colombo, have endeavoured to induce the Colonial Office to abandon the practice of requisitioning for Government supplies through the Crown Agents, and this year a memorial

was drawn up and forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies strongly urging our views. Previous to the despatch of this memorial the Colonial Office had replied to our earlier representations that they had no intention of abandoning this practice, consequently I do not feel very sanguine that we shall receive much sympathy from the Colonial Office.

DELAYS TO INWARD MAIL.

This is another of our old evils which at last is beginning to show signs of abating, although during the year Singapore Post Office managed to cause us great inconvenience at every available opportunity. Members will no doubt be interested to read the correspondence from Singapore which they will find in the Appendix of the Report, and I may add that Singapore never appears to miss a chance of making a mess. (Laughter).

PILLAGE TO CARGO.

As an aftermath of the war ports all over the world are suffering very severely from the depredations of organised bodies of cargo thieves in which respect Hongkong is far from being an exception. Of course the local state of affairs is due to causes peculiar to the East, and I feel that to combat this evil, measures should be taken that will cover certain local conditions that work in favour of the cargo thieves. As a result of reports from members, a letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary making certain suggestions that we considered would help to suppress their activities. The reply received suggested that the onus lies with the shipping companies and not with the Government to see that the laws of the land as regards stealing and receiving are carried out. I do not presume to set myself up as an authority on Police matters, but if the only qualification for an administrative position in the Police is that one has successfully filled the position of Chairman of the Sanitary Board, I am encouraged to offer the advice that special attention be paid to the receivers of stolen property when pilferage itself would become negligible, and some very illuminating facts as to the extent of the problem.

As you all know the Rice Association of this Colony passed through a severe crisis during the year and many firms here found to their cost that certain American buyers would repudiate their contracts on the flimsiest excuses when the market went against them. The reason put forward for their attitude was that buyers in Cuba to whom San Francisco had sold were not honouring their contracts, a reason which appears to me to betray a very extraordinary business morality. In view of this, the request of the Rice Association of California that this Chamber should arrange for merchants here to refuse to quote for shipments of rice to Cuba is difficult to explain. The action taken by exporters in this Colony in refusing to be dictated to in this connection would, however, appear to have been sound. As though these troubles were not sufficient, the local Chinese General Chamber of Commerce thought fit to address a letter to this Chamber which, knowing the true facts of the case, I consider was extremely impudent. This letter you will find on page 229 of the Report. The matter was referred to the Association of Exporters for advice and the Chamber's reply will be found on page 238 where we pointed out that if the Chinese dealers themselves had acted according to the advice they now gave, they would have had no reason to regret business con-

ed with local foreign merchants of standing, and also the new reminder of the incapacity of people in glass houses to throw stones.

SHIPMENT CLAUSE IN BILLS OF LADING.

Arising from the same cause, i.e. the endeavour merchant firms and some American banks were making to repudiate contracts, the Bill of Lading, a somewhat complicated document but which had stood the test of many years, was seized upon as a means of escape from a bad bargain and an infinite amount of trouble was caused to local merchants, Banks and ship-owners alike by the action adopted by a certain class of American Bank and trader who, to save his own skin, was quite prepared to besmirch the reputation for fair dealing of his fellow countrymen. Repudiation of a bargain by a merchant is a merchantable risk which can be and is guarded against. Repudiation of a Bank credit is a far more serious affair and the action of some American Banks in going back on their own credits could only serve to complicate ordinary trade difficulties—already sufficiently difficult—and bring into disrepute the reputation of their fellow countrymen—banker and merchant alike. This matter was dealt with at Shanghai last November.

HONGKONG FIRE BRIGADE.

Recent fires, both in Hongkong and Kowloon, have clearly proved that the Colony has outgrown the existing organization and equipment of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, and the matter is one that should receive the immediate attention of the Government. Personnel, equipment, distribution of gear, water mains and the system of alarms, all require early attention. Further to the foregoing, cases of the fire engine being employed for the carriage of beggars, and the whole of the motor gear and personnel proceeding to Repulse Bay to attend a mat shed fire do not impress one with any high opinion of the methods of supervision. Representations to the Government evoked the reply that the full investigation of Fire Brigade matters was awaiting the return of Mr. D. C. Wolfe, and now that this gentleman has again in the Colony, we hear that steps are being taken which will cause us to alter our present opinion that the Brigade—other than the rank and file on whom the hard work falls and who do their best with the material to hand—is a standing disgrace to a Crown Colony. I suggest for consideration that properly equipped a highly efficient Fire Brigade could be raised—as in the case of Shanghai—with three trained foreigners and the balance Chinese. (Applause).

GENERAL.

There are many other matters dealt with in the report on which I could speak; but an end must be made somewhere, and I will conclude my remarks by reference to a matter which this Chamber considers to be of the utmost importance, i.e. the appointment of a permanent Commercial Secretary in Hongkong. It is an open secret that, being the nominee of a different department, the post in Hongkong has not been altogether a bed of roses and I appeal to the Hongkong Government to sink their petty jealousies in the furtherance of what may really be termed their own interests. We do not want a Government cadet whose hands are tied, work hampered, and judgment overshadowed by thoughts of where his bread and butter comes from! (Applause).

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SHOCKING MURDERS IN GEORGIA, U.S.A.

London, March 29.
In a New York telegram it is reported from Macon, Georgia, that eleven bodies of negroes have been found in a river or buried in fields. They are said to have been killed by a local farmer, John Williams, and his foreman, in order to prevent them giving information that he had forced them to work as slaves in order to pay off money they owed him. Six corpses were found in the river with their skulls broken and hands and feet manacled and heavy weights attached to the bodies. The remaining five were shot. The investigation of the coroner's jury showed that all the dead men wore shoes soled with rubber of a distinctive pattern, so that they could easily be tracked if they tried to escape.

INDIAN ARMY.

Delhi, March 29.
The Assembly accepted resolutions for the object of asserting the principle that the purpose of the Indian Army was to meet requirements for the defence of India, and that India should not be saddled with the greater military burdens necessitated by imperial policy; also, that the Indian Army should not be employed outside India except in grave emergency but it was agreed to employ Indian troops on garrison duty overseas with the consent of the Indian Government and at the expense of the Imperial Government.

LOOTING IN INDIA.

Nagpur, March 29.
There was a recrudescence of looting of liquor shops on Friday. Police searching for the perpetrators were stoned by a large crowd and replied with shots, causing a number of casualties.

HELP FOR AUSTRIA.

Paris, March 29.
The Financial Committee of the League of Nations met this morning to consider financial measures to help Austria. The delegates are for France, M. Avenol, for Great Britain, Mr. Mayer, for the Netherlands, Meinheer Termeulen and for Japan, Mori.—Vale.

A GREEK SUCCESS.

Athens, March 29.
The fall of Afionkarahissar is officially confirmed.

HONGKONG'S TELE- PHONES.

Complaint to the Government.

We have for publication the following correspondence, which has passed between the Hongkong Government and the Constitutional Reform Association.

To the Hon. Mr. C. Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—I have been directed by my Committee to invite your attention to the present unsatisfactory state of the Telephone system, and its increasing want of efficiency.

The China and Japan Telephone Co. hold a monopoly in Hongkong and its seems discreditable to a public utility concern that wrong numbers are constantly given and false calls made.

Representations have repeatedly been made to the Company by individuals and others without any satisfactory results and my Committee consider that it is high time the Government should communicate with the Company with a view to the improvement of its working.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S REPLY.
Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th January, 1921, regarding the present unsatisfactory state of the Telephone System. As you

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.) INTERCOLONIAL FOOT- BALL.

Singapore, March 29.
The Singapore footballers visiting Batavia were beaten by 3 goals to nil by Sourabaya on Sunday. All the goals were scored in the last eight minutes.

On Monday the most important match of the trip was played against Java. A splendid exhibition resulted in Java winning by one goal to nil, though Singapore was the superior team.

The crowd of spectators numbered over 15,000 and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

are aware the question of the telephone service has been under consideration for some time, but no improvement in the service is likely to be effected in the present uncertainty as to the future of the Company, and it does not seem possible for Government to take any further action pending the receipt of the report which Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews have been requested to prepare.

H.K. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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ACCOUNTS.

These, I think, must be accepted as highly satisfactory. I do not propose to dwell on them but after they have been seconded shall be very pleased to answer any questions arising therefrom. (Loud applause).

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, seconding the resolution, said: It gives me much pleasure in rising to second resolution now before the meeting, and I feel sure that I am expressing the wishes of the members of this Chamber in thanking the Chairman, Committee and Secretariat for the excellent work done during the past year—a year that has not been without its anxieties. I do not wish to enlarge on anything the Chairman has said in his excellent speech but I should like, if I may be allowed to do so, to support his remarks with regard to educational work, and the action of the combined Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai last year. I do not think the importance of this work can be too strongly emphasized. We, in Hongkong, cannot perhaps give as much material support as we should like, as after all we are a comparatively small community, but I hope that the Associated Chamber of Commerce at Home, whose interests after all are very largely bound up with China, will be made to realise the extreme importance and urgency of giving educational work in this country, not merely Hongkong, Canton and Shanghai but in all other centres where it has been carried on, often as I know personally under great disabilities, their generous support.

I understand that Mr. Johnstone is shortly leaving us and I am sure that I am expressing the feeling of all members of this Chamber in saying that we shall regret the loss of his valuable services. Mr. Johnson has been largely bound up in commercial matters not only in Hongkong but also in other parts of China, and his services will be greatly missed. I am sure the hearty good wishes of the Chamber go with him on his departure. (Applause). I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW COMMITTEE.

The Chairman invited nominations for the Committee, and on the motion of Mr. A. Forbes seconded by Mr. B. Monteith Webb, the following were elected: Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, (Chairman), Mr. A. O. Lang, (Vice Chairman), Messrs. C. H. P. Hay, J. A. Plummer, G. M. Dodwell, G. T. Edkins, A. G. Stephen, P. L. Knight, A. S. Gubbay and D. G. M. Bernard.

Mr. Bernard took the place of Hon. Mr. John Johnstone.

NEW MEMBERS.

The election of the following new members elected during the year was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. O. Lang: Messrs. Britto & Co., Ltd., Bank of East Asia Ltd., Carroll & Co., Carters, Chan Yue Teng, Hontz & Co., Ltd., Hausmann Kern & Co., Himly & Co., South China Produce Co., The Sandoz Chemical Works Basle Switzerland, The Hoy Sun Flash-cruck Co., Mr. H. C. Best, Mr. A. C. Franklin, F.I.C., Mr. K. S. Pavri.

OUR TELEPHONES.

Mr. H. Percy Smith: Mr. Chairman. Last year I attended the meeting, and do so this year again Sir, to call your attention to what I consider to be the very unsatisfactory way in which the telephone service exists in this Colony you told us, Sir, as a reply, that there was at that time in the Colony a gentleman who was a telephone expert, and you hoped for all sorts of good things from him. Might I venture to suggest, that most of us have not found those good things, and I beg again to call the attention of the Chamber to the, in my opinion, very unsatisfactory condition of the telephone service. (Loud applause).

The Chairman: I quite agree with your remarks about the unsatisfactory telephone service. The statement that there was a telephone expert in Hongkong about this time last year is quite correct. It is also absolutely correct to say that the report which that gentleman is putting forward arrived in my office this morning. That report will be communicated to the Government forthwith and I trust that as the result of the report the telephone service will be improved. Further than that I can say nothing. This concluded the business.



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The plans for the season are fast filling and to those who are desirous of securing good seats we again give the advice that they should book without delay. There will be a late Peak tramcar service throughout the season.

PODOLSKY & MIROVA.

M. Podolsky, the noted pianist, and Mlle. Mirova, the Russian dancer, are at present in the Colony, passing through. They leave for a tour in North China and Japan by the Empress of Asia tomorrow. Owing to the theatre being booked, it is impossible for them to give performances here.

Since their last appearance in Hongkong, these talented artists have had a great success in the Philippines, having given concerts at Manila, Cebu, Zamboanga and Iloilo, whilst they have also performed at Sandakan. In Manila they gave six concerts in one week, including a special recital to the pupils of the Conservatoire, and the success attained was so marked that they have promised to return for a month or six weeks before they proceed to America, for the purpose of giving instruction. After finishing their North China and Japan tour they hope to be in

Manila again in July. Their admirers in Hongkong, while regretting that they cannot appear here, will wish them every success in their future tours.

THE GOLF STYMIE.

Attitude of the Royal and Ancient Club.

The note on the 'stymie' question by Mr. W. D. Vanderpool, secretary of the United States Golf Association, is likely to convey a wrong impression of the facts, the Press Association is informed by a competent authority. The members of the Rules of Golf Committee, though holding the opinion that no alteration in the existing stymie rule was necessary or desirable, decided not to oppose the wish of the United States Golf Association to introduce it, for use in America, modifications—considered suitable to conditions there prevailing, and the Chairman of the Rules Committee, unofficially, and as an act of courtesy, assisted in drafting the modifications.

He did not subsequently, in presenting the report of his Committee to the Royal and Ancient Club, make any mention of the action taken, because it concerned only American golfers. Consequently the measure of approval given to the stymie rule, which was in force when the Amateur Championship of the United States was strictly limited. The same remark applies to the rule which has been substituted for it.

The Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, it is understood, has communicated with the Chairman of Golf Committee its intention to make this substitution. That courteous action would naturally be taken by it. The reply may be assumed to have been equally formal and courteous.

When the Rules of Golf Committee had once allowed the principle of devolution it ceased to be concerned, except in an advisory capacity, with details of the action taken by the body to which authority was delegated. Its limited approval of that action is not to be regarded as indicative of desire or intention to follow the example set.

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CATHOLIC MARRIAGE LAW.

Privy Council Decision After Seven Years.

A matrimonial appeal, raising questions connected with the Roman Catholic marriage law, which had been before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for seven years, has finally been disposed of by their Lordships.

The appeal—*Despatie v. Tremblay*—came from Quebec, and arose originally out of an action brought by the husband to nullify the marriage on the ground that, as he and his wife, who were Catholics, were cousins, though only in the fourth degree, their marriage was illegal under a Papal decree nearly 700 years old.

His suit was successful, the Canadian Court holding that the civil code of Quebec upheld the Papal law, but the respondent thereupon appealed to the Privy Council.

The appeal was first argued before their Lordships in 1914.

Lord Moulton, in delivering judgment, said that under the civil law of Canada there was complete religious liberty, and though a priest had a right to refuse to solemnise a marriage because it was contrary to Roman Catholic law, that did not prevent the parties marrying. There was nothing in the civil code to enable a marriage to be annulled merely because it was objected to by a religious body.

The marriage in the present case was legal according to the laws of Canada, and therefore the appeal must be allowed.

PROSECUTION OF ERZBERGER.

At a recent sitting the Reichstag allowed permission to the Attorney-General to prosecute Herr Erzberger for perjury, alleged to have been committed during his notorious action for libel against Herr Helfferich.

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THE ONLY WAY.

The cable news of the past two or three days has not been particularly exciting or interesting, but to those who have been watching it fairly closely there has been one very gratifying feature. The complaint has long been that the far-away places of the Empire do not often get both sides of a story, in fact has the news in a slightly doctored form. Reuter is not always the impartial agency one would wish it. The Home Government is always vindicated and those in opposition to Governmental wishes are always given short shrift and made to appear the faulty party. We have often appealed for greater honesty, for cleaner, unbiased news. And, strange enough, some of the news through during the past few days has been almost astoundingly frank.

When it was first suggested that the troops in Ireland were guilty of reprisals, the Government and Reuter made a frantic fuss that anything of that kind could never possibly happen. The "Black and Tans" and the Police were given the highest praise and those who suggested there had been reprisals were accorded unsparing condemnation. Only two days ago one of Reuter's messages began: "As a reprisal for the ambush at Carrow-Kennedy the forces of the Crown entered Westport at two o'clock in the morning, and spent four hours wrecking the town, continuously volleying and bombing houses and burning furniture." The cabling of such a fact reveals a very different spirit to that which animated Reuter when it pooh-poohed the first accusations. Again, in connection with the coal crisis now exercising the minds of the people at home, there is a growing tendency to say something reasonable about the miners' point of view. When the previous coal strike was on the miners and their representatives were written down as a set of blackguards. We didn't agree with that strike or the way it was conducted, but there is in all these matters something to be said for the other side. It's not always a case of the official view being infallibly correct, though to judge matters on the bare cables sent around the Empire by Reuter would often lead one to that conclusion. In addition to the two instances quoted above there have been other indications that lead one to hope that a change in policy is now taking place among those whose business it is to disseminate Imperial news. We trust that hope will not be falsified.

There must be a realisation that "honesty is the best policy" in all matters before there can be any genuine hope to straighten out the differences that divide peoples and nations. In the days of the war it was necessary to censor and trim the news, even to garble it, in order to secure the desired end. The need that exists to-day is a far different one—the securing of a common acceptance of what is reasonable and right. The only road to that is by way of open dealing, honest statement of facts, and the unbiased consideration of all viewpoints. If the Governments of the world, the newsagencies and the newspapers would grasp that fact, then half the difficulties of most problems would dissipate into nothingness. Truth will out, and there is nothing to be gained by camouflage or misrepresentation. In the words of our American friends, we must get down to "brass tacks."

NOTES & COMMENTS.

U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo.

It is still uncertain who will succeed Mr. Roland S. Morris as United States Ambassador to Tokyo. Mr. Morris, who returned to Washington several months ago, since when he has been negotiating with his *vis-a-vis*, Ambassador Shidehara, over the California land question, has enjoyed much popularity in the Japanese capital—possibly a little too much, some Americans think. Mr. L.C. Grisoom, who represented America at Tokyo at the time of the Russo-Japanese war, has been mentioned, also one or two other "possibles." Among these is Mr. Ransford S. Miller, who is familiar with Far Eastern affairs, having been employed at Tokyo first as interpreter and afterwards as Japanese Secretary to the Embassy. From 1909 to 1913 he served as chief of the division of Far Eastern Affairs of the State Department at Washington. Early in 1913 he was appointed Consul-General at Seoul, and has continued in that position up to the present time. Mr. Miller, who is a graduate of Cornell, is fifty-three years of age. From a consular appointment to the head of a leading Embassy would be a big jump, for which, however, Mr. Miller's qualifications appear to render him eminently eligible.

Cinema as Moral Force.

The cinema has often been cited as a crime stimulant, deservedly or not. We now have the Recorder at Newcastle-under-Lyme showing the other side of the picture. In stating that there were no prisoners for trial at the recent Assizes, the Recorder mentioned that from inquiries made by the police it was found that the cinema theatre was in no small measure responsible for the remarkable change. Instead of resorting to a public-house a man could now spend a quiet two hours with his wife and children at the pictures, to the benefit of all concerned. With the improved standard of films, the cinema may become a valuable influence in social life. In New Zealand a regulation has just been enacted forbidding all the chief classes of films against which objections have been raised, and much the same influence is making itself felt in other countries, generally without the need of a formal enactment.

Latest about "the Fight."

Does anybody know the exact position of affairs respecting the Dempsey-Carpenter contest? A little while ago it was reported that the promoters defaulted with the deposit, so that the match was definitely off. This was promptly denied. Shortly afterwards the promoters were reported to have planned the construction of a mammoth Stadium in the States, which was expected to allow of sufficient spectators to cover the huge purse, despite the \$15 admission money limit instituted by the Fencing Commission. Then, again, we heard from London that Mr. "Charlie" Cochran (who had the Franchman under a contract, which may have run out by now) was still in the promoting business for this particular fight, and again, that he wasn't. The latest is that the millionaire raceowner, Mr. Solly Joel, has offered "Tex" Rickard, the American promoter, a purse of \$500,000 to stage the fight at the Olympia or at Epsom Racecourse on Derby Day. The message is ambiguous in more respects than one. Hitherto the famous "Tex" has done his own financing, and he has been in the big things. As this is an extra big thing, perhaps Mr. Joel means that he will indemnify Rickard in respect of any deficit on the levithian purse. What the allusion to Epsom Racecourse on Derby Day, which is puzzling the "fans" at home, may signify is difficult to say. Is the millionaire going to give racegoers a free show, as used to be done in other times? Charlie Mitchell fought Jack Burke at Ascot in the days before the big purse. This is unlikely to-day. We must wait until the cables shed more light—or obscurity—on the subject. Here endeth the paragraph as written. Now comes a later message apprising us that the Joel tale is a hoax.

PLEASURE RESORT FOR THE CHINESE.

Mr. Chang Wo, a doctor of philosophy of a German University, has published his views in newspapers in Peking advocating a large pleasure resort as a permanent measure to put funds for poor people with the profits of the same.

DAY BY DAY.

ALL EXPENSES IN THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE BEYOND THE LEGITIMATE WANTS OF THE COUNTRY IS NOT ONLY A PECUNIARY WASTE, BUT A GREAT POLITICAL AND ABOVE ALL A GREAT MORAL EVIL.—Gladstone.

Yaumati Government School is holding its fifth annual sports at King's Park on April 1st. The prizes are to be distributed by Mr. E. Ralphs.

Ticket-holders for the dance at Government House in aid of the Barnardo's Homes, on Thursday 31st inst., are requested to present their tickets at the door.—Advt.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 12th March, amounted to 89,229 tons and the sales during the period, to 80,412 tons.

The R. A. Association are holding a smoking concert in the R. A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks at 9 p.m. on 9th April. All past and present members of the Royal Artillery are cordially invited.—Advt.

The ex-German liner Taiyo Maru (formerly the Cap Finisterre), having been acquired by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, is to be operated on the San Francisco run. He first sailing from Hongkong will be on May 25th.

In connection with the London Hospital Fund movement in Canton, Nos. 7, 8, 19 and 23, drawn in the "Tombola", have not been claimed. The prizes can be obtained on application to Mrs. J. Mowbray Jones, 75 Shameen.—Advt.

Last week's health return shows eleven cases of small-pox (ten fatal), five of cerebro-spinal fever (three fatal), and one each of paratyphoid fever and enteric (both non-fatal). The last named was British; the rest Chinese. There were also five Chinese deaths from influenza.

Those who have not seen "The Sack of Rome" or those who have, for it will bear a second view—still have an opportunity of doing so, this being the concluding day's presentation of Guazoni's impressive film at the Coronet. The scenes take the spectator back to the days of the Pontiff's temporal power, and the contest between Clement VII and the Emperor Charles V, with the assault upon the walls of the Eternal City, furnishes a remarkable spectacle of late-medieval warfare. A noble maiden's romance adds to the interest.

The adventures of A. B. Albert Johnson, of H.M.S. Marazion, were recited, at the Police Court this morning. Charged on the two offences of disorderly behaviour and maliciously damaging the gas bracket of one of the houses in Spring Garden Lane last night, Johnson's defence on the first accusation was that his intoxicated condition should supply the reason. As to the second he denied having been responsible for the damaged condition of the gas-bracket. He could however vouch for the fact that the damage was done in his presence. Defendant was found guilty on both charges and fined \$5, being also ordered to pay \$3.50 compensation.

A foreigner, named Fred Brugasi, when charged before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Magistracy this morning, told the Magistrate that he had two drinks last night which might have accounted for his unseemly conduct in assaulting a Chinese woman at Queen's Road East by overturning her ricksha. Recognising the consequences of an undue indulgence in drinks, His Worship gently asked the defendant if, under ordinary circumstances, he would be so rude as to deliberately overturn a ricksha, particularly when it contained a lady. The defendant promptly chimed in with an unreservedly full support of his Worship's views on the effects of two drinks. In the result, he secured a very light fine, viz. \$7. The complainant in the case, who recently returned from America, on hearing from the reason for this leniency, expressed a contrary view. She made some observations until dissuaded from continuing by the interpreter.

OUR TELEPHONE SERVICE.

A Reply to Criticisms.

In view of the criticism of the Colony's telephone service both by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and by the Constitutional Reform Association, we called on Mr. H. S. Bennett, the Manager of the China and Japan Telephone Company this morning to ascertain his views on the charges levelled against the Company. Mr. Bennett was reticent, and at first declined to make any statement, remarking: "You are very large users of the telephone, and are, therefore, better able to speak impartially of the service yourselves."

After a pause, Mr. Bennett continued: "Telephone systems all over the world are always being blackguarded. There is no telephone system that is perfect, just as there is no human being that is perfect. A year ago a Director of the Company came out to Hongkong with a view to arranging the future finances of the Company. In dealing with the Hongkong Government a report was called for by the Colonial Secretary from Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews on the financial side of the Telephone Company. This report was completed yesterday. The Telephone Company has reached a stage of development when it has become necessary to extend its scope on a huge scale. It has to employ very much greater capital, and, before embarking on this venture, the Company has made a review of its plant and other assets."

"Does the Telephone Company wish to be subsidised?" enquired the interviewer.

"Not at all," replied Mr. Bennett. "Then why did you communicate with the local Government?" our representative asked.

"We are under Government control here, as regards rates for service," said Mr. Bennett. "We are negotiating with the Government and I cannot say anything whilst the negotiations are in progress. The only thing I can state is this, that it is a strange thing that the opinion should be expressed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting that the telephone service is unsatisfactory, whereas the Telephone Company has received no complaints of inferior service from the European subscribers. The demand for telephones is very great, and we have experienced great difficulty in coping with the demand, owing to post-war conditions."

"Is there no room for improvement in the service?" asked the interviewer.

"We handle as many lines and as many calls as our plant can permit. There are fifty operators on duty at a time. There are 100 operators in the employ of the Company at the Hongkong Exchange. The average number of calls completed per day in January in Hongkong exceeded 63,791. The Telephone Company cannot be very deficient if we can deal with so many calls. The average calls per exchange line per day number 14.7. That indicates that people in Hongkong use the telephone more than in many other places. The average number of calls in New York per day is 9, whilst we come out at the rate of 14.7. Our calling rate in Hongkong is approximately six seconds, that is the length of time taken by Central in answering 'Number, please' after ringing. That is practically the same figure as that given in New York to-day. The Telephone Company considers that the service it gives to Hongkong subscribers is efficient. That is supported from statistics. Development in Hongkong has been very rapid, and owing to the War we have not been able to cope with it."

"Do you consider the supervision over your female operators ample?"

"Quite. We have supervisors, monitors and clerks in charge. Then, again, we have means of listening in this office to various operators at work at any time. New York is supposed to be one of the best telephone cities in the world, and the figures I have quoted to you prove that our service is very satisfactory. An American telephone authority who recently passed through the Colony ventured the opinion that our telephone service is far superior to that given in Shanghai. That speaks for itself. We have 3,700 exchange lines in Hongkong and 802 lines in Kowloon."

AVIATION NOTES.

[By "Meteorite"]

Our local Aero Club is at present undergoing a period of enforced lassitude due to the uncertainty with which matters relating to its activities are viewed in the light of Governmental indications. There has been no sign that the agitation of the Club for Government recognition in the form of the provision of a landing ground has been given a substantial consideration, though it is felt in some quarters that in view of the present indisposition in regard to the proposed institution of an Imperial Air Service, the needs of the Club will have to be deferred until an official announcement has been received from the Home authorities. To outside appearances, the Club as it now stands, is only a band of aviators and enthusiasts who have no hopes of making a show unless some happy chance from outside this Colony gives them a claim of demonstrating their *esprit de corps*. Even in the latter regard, it is to be feared whether the looked-for transition of the World Derby through the Colony will ever eventuate as I hear that Hongkong has been left out of the Committee's plans for the proposed route, the reason being that Hongkong possesses no attractions as a stopping place.

However, so the prospects may be entertained by the presence of an official aviator in the Colony who is known to be investigating the conditions of the Colony in preparation for the coming of the military or naval aeroplane. The needs of the local Club if they do not happen to be eclipsed by the major claims of the military, will have some prospects of being fulfilled.

In a news-letter received under date of March 7th the following has reference to the proposed institution of the Model Airway which the American Government will undertake as a help for civil pioneers. With the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, 1920, one finds little or no organized commercial industry in the United States. No legislation existed that would warrant the promotion of a large air transportation company, although in reality many small operators had sprung up and were struggling along throughout the country in a more or less independent manner, unrecognized by any Government body uncontrolled either by State or Federal legislation, at best a temporary proposition, hanging on until that time when their efforts would be appreciated as a national asset in a legitimate industry. In the course of its training and maneuvers the U. S. Air Service constantly came in touch with the private enterprise and it is only natural to find it acting in many specific localities as a big brother to some small operator. With no extra expense the War Department found itself in a position whereby it could assist in the building up of a commercial reserve, furnishing as it were for their benefit certain unused by-products of the daily routine of the Air Service activities. These by-products included mainly information on aeronautical subjects, landing fields recognized and used by the Army, and such other assistance of this nature as legally can be furnished the struggling operator. Undoubtedly commercial aviation will, if left to itself, grow and become of its own impetus a healthy component of the nation's machinery. But under the influence of the Army Air Service it will grow more quickly and at the same time be organized and built up in such a way that it can readily, in the event of an emergency, be trained to good use by the nation.

FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Kowloon Football Club in their 2nd Division League match, against the United F. C. on Saturday, 2nd April, on South China ground, kick-off 3 p.m.: W. Muskett; A. Spary, S. Adams; R. Roberts, S. H. Hewer, A. Young; E. Donovan, A. Palmer, J. Coombs, K. Mason, A. Estorff.

The Russian Grand Opera Company arrived in Hongkong to-day by the s.s. van Kloo after a tour in Java extending over eight months. They have proceeded to Macao, where to-night they play "Rigoletto."

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The failure of what was called a "fool-proof" system to avert a horrible accident on the Cambrian Railway may revive a controversy between two opposite schools of thought, the distinction between which may be summed up in the story of Brunel and the inventor. A man came to Brunel with an ingenious scheme for automatic signalling, and was told to call again. When he came Brunel said: "I have examined your scheme, and I was about to recommend its adoption on the Great Western; but second thoughts are sometimes best, and I have decided against it." "Why, pray?" "Well, accidents are bound to happen, and you can't hang a signalman, but you can't hang a machine." One answer to that in England has been that accidents are not bound to happen with automatic devices, but there is a long list of accidents, unfortunately, on the other side. The perfect automatic machine is independent of all human intervention; it is the combination of human fallibility with infallible machinery which upsets all plans. At the same time, our English practice has been constantly to perfect the "fool-proof" design. Curiously enough, the inventive American has inclined rather to the other theory, and though other considerations intervene the train despatcher system represents the opposite idea, of relying on the salutary effect of a heavy sense of responsibility. We have aimed at eliminating this sense; Americans have encouraged it; and so it may be that the American railwaymen have been more resourceful in a crisis even if accidents in America have been more numerous.

Mr. Churchill's inheritance of an Irish estate has come about through the death of a relative—though a distant one—but other politicians have benefited in this way from unexpected quarters. Such a windfall helped the elder Pitt largely in his career. Having but small private means and little prospect of increasing them by office, he might have turned from politics but for the receipt under the will of Sarah Duchess of Marlborough of £10,000, in recognition of the "noble defence he made for the support of the laws of England." No one would ever have suspected the termagant Duchess of an attachment to the laws of England or any other laws, so Pitt's legacy aroused much comment. Lord Chesterfield also benefited under her will owing to his attacks on Sir Robert Walpole, for whom she had an intense aversion. Another stroke of luck befell Pitt on the death of Sir William Pynsent, who had been a Whig member in the days of the Whig ascendancy and was unseated when the Tories returned to power under Queen Anne. He retired into private life and for fifty years kept aloof from politics. Then he began to take an interest in Pitt's career, though the two never met and never corresponded. When Pitt fell from power Sir William thought he recognised an analogy to the fall of Marlborough, and compared the rise of Bute with the rise of Harley. This led him to alter his will, and at Pynsent's death Pitt inherited some £3,000 a year.

Still more romantic is the case of Disraeli and Mrs. Brydges Williams. Apart from the money gain, there was a spice of mystery about this affair which appealed to Disraeli—the assignments pressed on him by the lady with increasing fervour till he went to meet her, the envelope containing a thousand pounds to be opened after they parted; the friendship that grew out of the incident, and the bequest to Disraeli at a critical time of his life of the whole of Mrs. Williams's large fortune. It savours more of a Disraeli novel than of an episode in real life.

One of the best-known "characters" in Chicago has passed away in Captain George Wellington Streeter. The whole nation was interested in his long fight for the "island" in Lake Michigan, where he and his wife went aground many years ago in their houseboat. Thereafter he defied all legal and civil attempts to dislodge him, claiming the washed-up land, now said to be worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. The widow of the religious captain saved the nation from continuing his claim to the ground. He died on the houseboat where he had often been a "normal" character.

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COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., took place at noon to-day. There were present the Hon. Mr. John Johnston (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. H. W. Sassoon, H. P. White, T. E. Pearce (Consulting Committee), F. C. Hall (Secretary), Messrs. D. V. Stevenson, Ho Leung, Lo Cheung-shiu, G. Grimble, A. Denison, and A. Murdoch (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts having now been in your hands for some days, I propose, with

your permission, to follow the usual custom of taking them as read. The result of our operations for the year 1919 now under review have, I am pleased to say, again been successful and the Account has run off leaving a credit balance of \$332,092.06 which, though less than the year 1918, is well up to the average for the last 20 years. This, I think, you will consider satisfactory in view of the fact that 1919 was not a happy period for Fire Insurance Companies. Many serious fires occurred in all parts of the world, Shanghai and the Northern Ports, the Philippines and India each contributing a very substantial quota. How serious this fire wastage has been may be seen from the fact that the sum paid for losses and claims amounts to no less than \$180,000 more than

the highest total for any previous year. Premium income and interest show increases of \$160,000 and \$34,000 respectively, these being partly due to the lower rate of sterling exchange at which we were able to convert our sterling figures on the 31st December last. The ratios for losses and expenses work out at 52.47 per cent. and 30.92 per cent. respectively as against 24.35 per cent. and 31.06 per cent. for the year 1918. The balance standing at credit of the Working Account 1920 is \$536,724.87 which is \$11,000 better than the carry forward for 1918, the previous best in the history of the Company. It is early however to comment on this Account which has yet a further nine months to run. This year also has borne its full share of losses, but we have every hope of its closing with a satisfactory balance in hand. You will doubtless have heard of the disastrous fire which occurred in Shanghai on the 11th of this month, and you will, I am sure, be gratified to learn that the Company is only interested for the sum of Tls. 30,000. This fire was one of the worst experienced by the Northern Port, and I think you will agree that we may consider ourselves extremely fortunate in escaping so lightly. The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$332,092.06, and we recommend the payment of the usual dividend of \$27 per share; the appropriation of £16,000 at 3/1½—\$102,400 to the Re-insurance Fund, and that the balance of \$13,692.06 be placed to the credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account. This Account will then stand at a figure of \$81,480.75, which your Directors consider sufficient to meet all calls that may be made upon it. You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus on their salaries of 15% being granted to the staff. I do not think that there is anything further in the accounts which requires special mention by me, but after the resolution which I am about to propose has been seconded I shall be glad to satisfy to the best of my ability any enquiries arising out of them which shareholders may wish to put. I now propose the following resolution:—

"That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$27 per share, an addition to the Re-insurance Fund of £16,000 at exchange 3/1½—\$102,400, the transfer of \$13,692.06 to the credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account, and the payment to the Staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries be adopted and passed."

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. A. Denison carried unanimously.

Mr. Ho Leung said:—I beg to move that the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. H. Compton, F. Maitland, T. E. Pearce, H. W. Sassoon, and H. P. White be re-elected to form, together with the Chairman of the Company, a Consulting Committee for the ensuing financial year and in view of the continued

success of the Company and the very considerable increase in the magnitude of its operations, that the remuneration to this Committee be increased to the sum of \$16,000 per annum.

This was seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson and carried. Messrs. H. Percy Smith and A. R. Lowe were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$500 per year, on the motion of Mr. Lo Cheung Shui, seconded by Mr. Murdoch. The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready and could be had on application.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

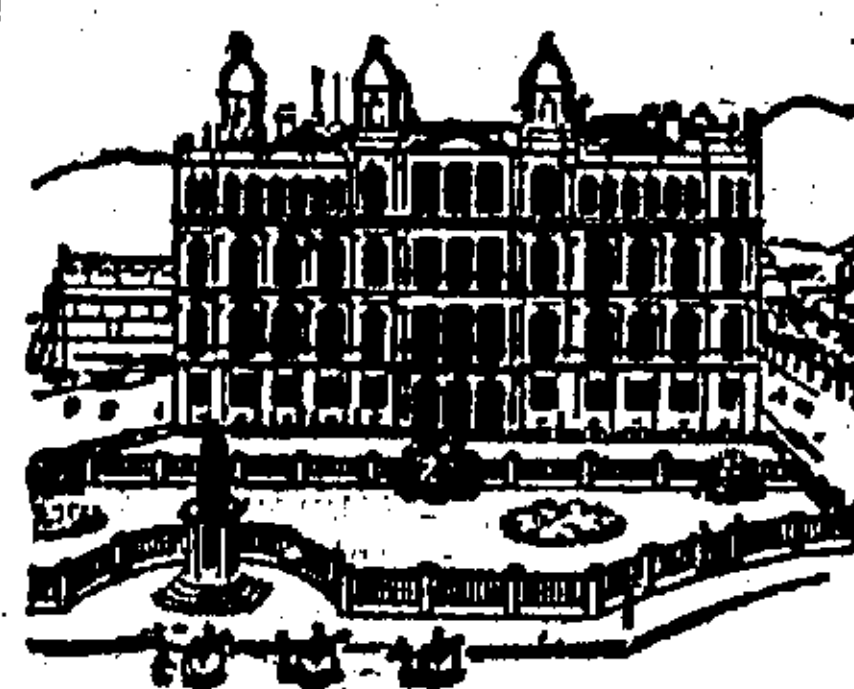
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PONY'S NAME.	Distance	1¼	½	¾	1	1¼	1½	1¾	Last
		Mile	Mile	Mile	Mile	Miles	Miles	Miles	quarter
Don Carlos	¾	35	1.10	1.44	—	—	—	—	34
Leighton	¾	38.1	1.14.2	1.47.3	—	—	—	—	33.1
Mystic and Neston	¾	35	1.07	1.43	—	—	—	—	36
Lighting	¾	35	1.08.2	1.39.4	—	—	—	—	31.2
Merrysand	¾	33.2	1.07.3	1.40.3	—	—	—	—	33
Birdshead	1	35	1.08.2	1.41	2.14.1	—	—	—	33.1
Spottedsand	1	33.3	1.09	1.42.2	2.13.3	—	—	—	31.1
Hongkong Chief	1	36	1.10	1.44.1	2.18.4	2.51	—	—	32.1
Stanley Chief and Kandy Chief	1	39	1.14	1.47	2.19.2	—	—	—	32.2
Forest Child	1	32.1	1.06.1	1.39.2	2.13.3	—	—	—	34.1
Repulse Bay Chief	1	35	1.10	1.45	2.15.4	—	—	—	30.4
Tuckshop	1	38	1.12	1.46	2.18	—	—	—	32
Dandy Child	1	32.3	1.08	1.41.3	2.14.2	—	—	—	32.4
Sleepy Hiccoughs	¾	35	1.08	1.43	—	—	—	—	35
Flywheel & Hutton	1	36	1.12	1.46	2.17.2	—	—	—	31.2
Spilt Child	1	36	1.09.3	1.43	2.15.4	—	—	—	32.4
Our John	¾	34	1.07.2	1.40.2	—	—	—	—	33
Twisteddum	1	39	1.18	1.56	2.27.2	—	—	—	31.2
Speckled Mouse	1	39.3	1.15	1.47	2.19.2	—	—	—	32.2
The Amerer	1¼	35	1.09	1.45	2.19.2	2.50.4	—	—	31.2
Field Child	1	39	1.15	1.50	2.22.4	—	—	—	32.4
Jawbyford	¾	34	1.09	1.39.3	—	—	—	—	30.3
Frampton	1	41	1.20	1.56	2.28	—	—	—	32
Aspirin	1	37	1.13.2	1.47.3	2.20	—	—	—	32.2
Ragged Nut	1	39	1.16	1.51.2	2.27	—	—	—	35.3
Parran	1¼	—	1.08.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Anthony	1	40	1.16	1.51	2.24.2	—	—	—	33.2
Carpenter	1	37	1.11	1.44	2.18.3	—	—	—	34.3
Scampersdale	¾	34.2	1.08.2	1.38.2	—	—	—	—	32
Workshop	¾	39	1.13.2	1.46.2	—	—	—	—	33
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MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Sweaters grow gayer and gayer—not in colour but in style. Gradually the sweater is changing from a protecting garment, donned for warmth, to an informal blouse not intended as a wrap at all.

SILKS AND FINE WOOLS.

Sweater wools have been growing finer and finer. There are wools several degrees lighter than Shetland, which used to be considered very gauzy indeed. And there are trimming wools; notably the curly worsted bandings which look quite like ostrich feathers of tiny size, and closely massed. Surplice models of white wool have bands of this ostrich-wool around the neck and on the short sleeves and are dainty affairs indeed for wear over thin frocks.

The fine wools, no heavier than airy threads; and the lustrous silks of which sweaters are made, are knitted or crocheted in diaphanous patterns, some of them so sheer that a lining of thin silk or Georgette must be dropped under the cobwebby fabric. These lace-like sweaters are worn in the morning with sport skirts of summery material—crisp linen or novelty silk. Skirts of thin white serge or flannel are also being worn this season.

DROPSITCHE EFFECTS POPULAR.

Dropstitch knitting is the newest thing for sweaters and is smarter just now than the filet crochet stitch which was so much fancied last summer. A very pretty dropstitch slipon is of canary coloured silk and wool yarn—a yarn which has beautiful lustre. The slipon is drawn in at the waist by a cord girdle, run through a row of the dropstitch pattern. Collar and narrow elbow cuffs are of white angora.

Two dropstitch effects are pictured; one the Jenny Lind slipon with straight-across neckline, and the other the belted slipon with a frilled shirtwaist which shows above the front opening of the sweater. This latter model is silk and wool yarn in a pretty shade of grey and the dropped stitches form a striped pattern up and down sweater and sleeve.

GREY SWEATERS THE RAGE.

As grey has been the shade this season in furs, hats, silk stockings and all costumes generally, so it is to be the craze in sweaters for the coming season.

The grey slipon pictured is worn over a dainty blouse of white handkerchief linen, with crisply pleated frills on collar, front and cuff, accompanying the slipon and the straw sailor hat is black with a white chip facing and band of pleated, black silk. The grey sweater does not look well with coloured frocks, unless of palest, pastel tint; it must be accompanied by white or black, preferably white. And colour may be added in hat and parasol.

NEW JENNY LIND NECKLINE.

A new model in dropstitch effect, with the straight across neck line and turn down collar is pictured. This dropstitch model is made of shetland yarn in a rich, marine blue shade and though the sleeves are transparent, the body of the slipon is lined with white chiffon. Collar and cuffs are of white angora and the

A Frenchy Black Silk Knitted Blouse

The closely knitted, ribbed belt is a necessary adjunct; it holds the rather sleazy sweater in trim lines and gives it style and grace.

dangling ornaments of angora at the shoulders are quite a new idea in trimming.

The new version of the ancient hug-me-tight, pictured in the ribbon-laced black slipon, is rather attractive. This model is of crocheted black silk and the turned back collar, making a knotted necktie at its lower end, is a pretty detail. The black silk slipon is worn as a blouse, over a camisole of Venice lace, which shows in a dainty vestee in front. It is quite the thing now to display part of your camisole as a vest or as part of the front of your blouse.

FILET SLIPONS IN NEW MODELS.

Two very engaging new filet stitch slipons are pictured; one of silk and the other of wool. The wool model is ornamented with wool embroidery. The pictured slipon is of shell pink wool with all edges finished in a close stitch that makes an effective border and also holds the open filet pattern in good lines in the figure. The embroidery is done with wool in shades of French blue, and a little black is introduced to emphasize the design. Mark the extreme length of the fringe on the sash; this is a new style note in sweater models of the season.

The fringed slipon of canary coloured silk, crocheted in filet pattern, is the handsomest model on to-day's page—in point of expensiveness.

The colour is a rich yet dainty yellow—a true canary shade and the very deep, knotted fringe makes the slipon particularly graceful. Knotted fringe on the square collar is another graceful feature. This slipon may be worn without a lining, over a dainty camisole, for the filet stitch is very close. A new scarf with plain and fancy knitting in stripes is pictured—a model of violet coloured wool, matching a violet sport hat.

FASHION NOTES.

Two of the latest styles for wearing with a demi-toilette recently seen in the West End completely covered the hair with the exception of two small pieces drawn forward on to the cheek to break the rather hard line of the caps. One of them, made of tulle and silver lace, looked exactly like a boudoir cap, and actually had little side curtains!

A velvet beret with decorations of red lacquer applied to the material is the latest thing in the bizarre headgear of the moment. The effect is rather reminiscent of a mandarin, but very pleasing.

WHITE FLANNEL.

Very Fashionable.

A good deal of white flannel is being worn this season—not serge, but the fine, soft white dress flannel used for men's tennis trousers. Sport skirts of white flannel are side pleated and are worn with belted jackets of black or blue velvet. And there are sport suits of white flannel well cut jackets in manish belted Norfolk style; the coats with lapels and patch pockets, and the skirts straight and rather short. Women who do not wear white flannel are likely to wear white linen—never were skirts and suits of linen more fashionable than they are now.

A new road to health and beauty has been discovered. All you have to do is to blow soap bubbles. "Nothing rounds out hollow cheeks and improves the contour of the scrawny or too fat throat" like blowing bubbles, we are told. The reason is that you have to take deep breaths to do it, and deep breathing is needful for beauty.

A POPULAR COSTUME.



The skirt of the dress pictured above is of dark blue serge or tricotine, which is gathered on to a blouse of Canton crepe in contrasting colour—grey or henna—and is enriched with embroidery motifs in harmonious colours. An Elton jacket is worn with it which is seen hanging over the arm.

FEAR OF THE DARK.

Why Are Children Afraid?

Why do children fear the dark? Is this fear a survival of instinct or is it due to something more tangible? Children, when very young, are not afraid of darkness. It is noticeable that they regard the darkness of approaching night with awe, but not with fear. They are even rather fond of darkness. They "sense" in it adventure, which all young children delight in; they are all potential Sidneys and Francis Drakes. A solution of the problem may be found in the extraordinarily silly stories with which young children's minds are "doped." The essential theme of these tales, which are of no moral value, is "fear" of some kind or another, trivial enough to the adult mind, but full of real terror to the imaginative minds of children.

It is a great pity that writers for children cannot find more wholesome themes than those based on some futile fear. There are plenty of good things in the world to write about without recourse to the horrible and grotesque. Those who write such tales incur a terrible responsibility. For they introduce "fear" into the Eden of a child's mind, in which no fear was.

FASHION NOTES.

The present passion for covering the hair not only out of doors but for the restaurant, the dancing, and the theatre, will not improve the hair of those who succumb to it, so it will probably be of short duration.

The newest veil acts as a decorative detail to the hat on which it appears, and then meanders down round the wearer's neck in soft and slow folds. There are indications that fashion will favour hats with swings, this summer, but how many women can wear them?

YOUR WATCH.

Latest Mode of Wearing.

Just when everybody has formed the habit of looking sideways at a watch attached to her wrist, locket watches are coming in and now one will have to learn the time upside down, unless one chooses to lift the locket. Fob watches are fashionable also in Paris, but whether the watch swings from a fob or from a ribbon around the neck, swing it must, and not anchor itself to the wrist. So decides Madame Mode! And ordinary watches are entirely out of it now; all sorts of shapes in timepieces are fancied. An octagonal pendant of ivory framed with onyx has the watch set in one side and on the other is a quaint inlaid figure of onyx. Another watch appears, on the side opposite the dial, to be a tiny tambourine made of ivory, with jewels at the edge instead of tinkling cymbals. The dial of the watch is no larger than a ten cent piece and the watch is sunk in the tambourine at one side. A very ornamental watch pendant is in the shape of a Maltese cross, made of onyx inlaid with diamonds and pearls. The watch dial is at the centre of the cross.

FASHION NOTES.

Some of the ostrich fans shown in New York feature a bracelet of either arrested or released ostrich. When dancing the fan is suspended from the novel bracelet.

The girl in quest of a pretty evening headdress will find lots of original ideas amongst the chorus of "Irene." They wear in one of the acts the most delightful wired lace affairs on their heads, some of them edged with pearls. This headdress, rising to a point in front in Russian fashion, is a style that suits a good many faces; and with a little skill any girl could make and wire for herself one of these smart new headdresses.

DRESSES.

Of Various Styles.

The modes are many and varied, and the dresses of all kinds. There are dresses long, and dresses short, and neither long nor short. In fact, it seems that a woman may choose that which becomes her most, and volla! She's the model! Certainly the height of perfection has been reached in gowning. How kind is La Mode to the short and stout, the tall and slim, and the otherwise than perfect; no lacing, no padding, jamming, crowding, but lines and curves that make for grace and beauty. No matter what you choose, if the lines are good, the colour right, the artistic whole perfection, you will be smartly gowning.

The so-called silhouette, the one that must be followed, certainly does not exist. You see a costume here, with a straight, plain outline, another there, that bulges at the hips, another whose jacket, tight at the waist, flares above the knees with the skirt straight and narrow below, and still another, with a pronounced outward curve from waist to ankle. They all seem to have a penchant for narrowness at the bottom, which is their only point of likeness.

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Suiyang	B. & S.	Apr. 2
Kaifong	B. & S.	Apr. 2
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Apr. 3
Toepao	J. M. Co.	Apr. 3
Dakar M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 3
Kueichow	B. & S.	Apr. 4
Kanchow	B. & S.	Apr. 5
Szechuen	B. & S.	Apr. 5
Haihong	D. L. Co.	Apr. 5
Chaksang	J. M. Co.	Apr. 5
G. Aparar	P. & O.	Apr. 5
Loksang	J. M. Co.	Apr. 6
Macassar	D. & Co.	Apr. 6
Totomi	N. Y. K.	Apr. 6
Gneribon	D. & Co.	Apr. 9
Pooksang	J. M. Co.	Apr. 11
Nagoya	P. & O.	Apr. 11
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 12
Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Apr. 15
Persia	D. & Co.	Apr. 15
Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	Apr. 15
Kamakura	M. N. Y. K.	Apr. 22
Kanowna	P. & O.	May 2
Pyrhus	B. & S.	May 3
Proteslaus	B. & S.	May 4
Lake Onawa	A. L.	May 6
Kawachi	N. Y. K.	May 11

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P. & O. - BRITISH INDIA, APGAR AND EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN LINES.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
NANKIN	7,000	4th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
DUNERA	5,400	14th Apr.	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay.
KHYBER	9,700	15th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
SOUDAN	7,000	29th Apr.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
DILWARA	5,378	3rd May	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

GREGORY A.	4,649	5th Apr.	Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

EASTERN	4,000	9th Apr.	Melbourne via Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
KANOWNA	7,000	2nd May	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

SOUDAN	6,696	1 Apr. 10 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
DUNERA	5,400	30th Mar.	Shanghai only.
NAGOYA	7,000	11th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.

Parcels Measuring not more than 24ft. X 2ft. X 1ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.

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KASHIMA MARU (Omitting Manila) Wednesday, 20th Apr., at 11 a.m.

SUWA MARU Friday, 6th May, at 11 a.m.

FUSHIMI MARU (Omitting Manila) Tuesday, 31st May at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

SADO MARU Monday, 4th April, at 11 a.m.

KITANO MARU Friday, 15th April, at 11 a.m.

INABA MARU Friday, 29th April, at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

MEI BOURNE & SYDNEY via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

NIKKO MARU Tuesday, 19th Apr., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KAWACHI MARU (Sailing from Singapore) Wed., 11th May.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOTTORI MARU Wednesday, 6th April.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

AKI MARU Tuesday, 12th April, at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KAMO MARU Thursday, 31st Mar. at 11 a.m.

KAMAKURA MARU Tuesday, 12th April.

DAKAR MARU Wednesday, 13th April.

IYO MARU Friday, 15th Apr., at 11 a.m.

For further information apply to—

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Telephone Nos. 292 & 293.

S. YASUDA, Manager.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjilatjap	Java	in port	2nd Apr.	Java
Tjikini	Shanghai	30th Mar.	31st Mar.	Java
Tjitaroem	Japan	13th Apr.	15th Apr.	Java

"The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia."

ALSO OPERATING
JAVA PACIFIC LIJN.
NEXT SAILING.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjikembang	Java	12th Mar.	30th Mar.	San Francisco.

Through Bills of Lading issued to U.S.A. and Canadian Overland Points.

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Sailing on or about 6th April.

LYOED TRIESTINO.

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Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading for Levant, Black Sea and Danube Ports.

FIUME having been re-opened for traffic, cargo is also accepted for this port on through B/Lading.

S.S. "TRIESTE" Sailing on or about 19th April.

S.S. "PERSIA" Sailing on or about 19th May.

FOR SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

S.S. "PERSIA" Sailing on or about 15th April.

Passengers Luggage can be insured at the office of the Agents

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(SOUTH SEA MAIL S.S. CO.)

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FOR JAPAN.

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FOR JAVA.

S.S. "CHERIBON MARU" Sailing on or about 9th April.

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SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamer	Arrives Hongkong	Leaves Hongkong
CHANGSHA	25th April	30th April

This steamer is fitted with Refrig. & heating machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of ice, fresh provisions etc., and has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares. Cargo booked through to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian ports.

For Freight and Passage apply to

Butterfield & Swire.

Telephone No. 36.

Agents.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.)

JAPAN, CHINA & STRAITS

TO

UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT.

For	Steamer	Sailing
LONDON, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	"KIOTO"	16th April.

For particulars of sailings shippers are requested to approach the undersigned.

Subject to change without notice.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.,

or to REISS & Co. Canton

General Agents.

GLEN AND SHIRE

JOINT SERVICE OF STEAMERS.

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OUTWARDS.

Vessel	Due Hongkong.
"GLENIFFER"	14th April.
"GLENGLYLE"	28th April.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
"CARNARVONSHIRE"	24th Apr.	GENOA, LONDON & R'DAM.

Movements are subject to change without notice.

For freight or further particulars please apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

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COASTAL SHIPPING:

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Hongsang	Thurs., 31st Mar. at d'light.
T'SIN via W'wei & C'foo	Chipsang	Fri., 1st Apr. at d'light.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Hongsang	Fri., 1st Apr. at d'light.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 1st Apr. at 3 p.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Teosao	Sun., 3rd Apr. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Chaksant	Tues., 5th Apr. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksan	Wed., 6th Apr. at 9 a.m.
KOBE via Shanghai	Fooksang	Mon., 11th Apr. at noon.

CALCUTTA LINE:—This Line now affords regular sailings to Calcutta, Penang and Singapore. Return from Calcutta steamers proceed via Straits and Hongkong to Japan occasionally calling at Shanghai.

All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light & Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon. SHANGHAI LINE:—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow. Through tickets can be obtained and through Bills of Lading are issued all to Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai.

MANILA LINE:—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Friday.

HAIPHONG LINE:—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Hoihow when inducement offers.

BORNEO LINE:—One sailing per month between Hongkong and Sandakan by a steamer having up-to-date accommodation for passengers.

Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Lahad Datu.

TIENTSIN LINE:—A regular service is run from March to Nov. between H'kong & Tientsin calling at Weihaiwei & Chefoo.

CALCUTTA LINE.

S.S. "CHAKSANG" will be despatched on or about Tuesday, 5th Apr., at 3 p.m. for SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to RANGOON, PORT SWETENHAM & MADRAS & DUTCH EAST INDIES.

For Freight or Passage apply to:—

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General Managers.

Telephone No. 215.

C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	Foochow	31st Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Soochow	31st Apr. at noon.
AMOI, M'LA, CEBU & TILO	Taming	31st Apr. at 4 p.m.
AMOI, PHOI & H'PHONG	Kailong	2nd Apr. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TINGTAO	Suiyang	2nd Apr. at noon.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Chanchow	3rd Apr. at d'light.
W'WEI, CHEFOO & T'SIN	Kueichow	4th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Kanchow	5th Apr. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, S'HA' & PUKOW	Szechuen	5th Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	7th Apr. at noon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO. Excellent Saloon accommodation amidships. Electric Light and Fans in Saloon and State-rooms. Regular scheduled service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai (thrice weekly) and Tientsin (twice weekly), taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze, and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shanghai avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

BANGKOK LINE.—Weekly service to and from B'kok via S'tow.

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Agents.

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Hongkong Mar., 30, 1921

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS SERVICE.

Regular Service of East, High Class Coast Steamers having good accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light and Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow and Returns,

(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)

Steamships	Captain	Leaving
Haiching	A. H. Stewart	SUN., 3rd Apr. at 11 a.m.

For Swatow only.

Haichong	W. C. Passmore	TUES., 5th Apr. at noon.
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Arrivals and Departures from the Co's Wharf (near Blake Pier.)

For Freight and Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co.,

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S. S. PEDRO NUNES

will be despatched as above on Thursday, the 31st March, at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage Apply to—

J. M. DA ROCHA & CO.,

Hongkong, 19th March, 1921.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 19th Feb. and is expected here on the 30th March.

The A. L. s.s. CADARETTA is due to arrive here from Saigon on or about April 5th.

The A. L. s.s. CROSSKEYS, is due to arrive here from Seattle Wash. on or about April 6th.

The A. L. s.s. COAXET, is due to arrive here from Portland Ore on or about April 5th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMAKURA M. (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez, on the 26th February, and is expected here on the 10th April.

The s.s. PYRRHUS, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 9th inst., for Hongkong and is due here on 1st April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AWA MARU (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez on the 12th March and is expected here on the 24th April.

The Barber Line s.s. BOWES CASTLE, left New York on Mar. 8th for Hongkong via Ports and is expected to arrive here about 12th May. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Agents.

s.s. MACASSAR MARU sailed from Balikpapan for Japan via Hongkong and is due to arrive here on the 31st March (Dodwell and Co. Agent.)

The N. Y. K. s.s. SADO MARU European Line left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 26th March and is expected here on the 3rd April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YETOROFU MARU Calcutta Line left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 25th March and is expected here on the 14th April.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at Shanghai on 26th March (midnight) left there 27th March (11.0 a.m.) due at Manila on 30th March (8.0 a.m.)

The P. & O. s.s. SOUDAN, left Singapore for this Port on the 25th instant at 5 p.m. and is due here on the 3rd instant at about 6 a.m.

The Waterhouse Line s.s. DELIGHT from Seattle left Kobe on the 28th instant for this port, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 3rd April.

The s.s. ANTILOCHUS, (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 28th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 2nd April.

The s.s. PYRRHUS, (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 28th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 2nd April.

The s.s. TELEMACHUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Port Said on 19th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 11th prox.

The T. K. K. s.s. KOREA M. arrived at Yokohama on the 24th instant and sailed on the 26th instant for Honolulu and San Francisco.

The T. K. K. s.s. ANYO M. arrived at Yokohama on the 25th instant and sails on the 30th instant for the Hawaiian Islands, San Francisco and South America.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on Mar. 1, 1921.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1920.	1921.
Tyiam	13.2 Below	20.2 Below
Tyiam	20.2 Below	25.5 Below
Tyiam	15.5 Below	15.5 Below
Tyiam	32.9 Below	11.2 Below
Wong-nel-chung	34.6 Below	27.5 Below
Pokhiam	17.1 Below	20.8 Below

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1920.	1921.
Tyiam	202.71	188.22
Tyiam	41	47
Tyiam	141.55	4.55
Tyiam	71.52	150.00
Wong-nel-chung	2.19	5.45
Pokhiam	23.24	25.40

Consumption of water in the City and Hill Districts in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Feb.

	1920.	1921.
Consumption	180.20	166.81
Estimated pop.	275,100	280,700
Consumption per head per day	22.3	21.9

Constant supply is an absolute necessity for the City and Hill Districts.

KOWLOON WATERWORKS LEVEL.

	1920.	1921.
Kowloon	12.4	12.4
Kowloon	12.4	12.4

STORAGE IN MILL

NEW SINO-AMERICAN BANK.

Dr. Paul S. Reinsch Among The Promoters.

A proposal is stated to have been made by the Chinese Minister of Finance, and by Mr. Wang Lan-cheng and Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, formerly American Minister to Peking, to establish a Sino-American bank, known as the Pacific Bank. The preliminary steps that have been decided for the organization are as follows:—

- (1) The Head Office of the Bank shall be established in Shanghai.
- (2) Branches will be established in all the Provinces as well as all important Treaty Ports.
- (3) The capital of the Bank shall be five million dollars (gold).
- (4) Their shares shall be fifty thousand shares at \$100 each.
- (5) The shares shall be subscribed equally by the Chinese and American interests.
- (6) There shall be six American Directors and five Chinese.
- (7) There shall be one Chinese President and one Chinese and one American Vice-President.

WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 30d. 11h. 55m.—Pressure has decreased slightly at Vladivostok, Shanghai and over Formosa; also from Borneo to Guam.

The anticyclone is probably central over S.W. Japan.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.06 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.74 inches, against an average of 5.98 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N. to N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds strong, moderating.
3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooka.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan.	N.E. winds, moderate.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.	
H.K. Observatory, Mar. 30, 1921.	

TIME SIGNALS.

The time ball on Kowloon Signal Hill is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., except on Saturdays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and on Sundays and Holidays when it is dropped at 10 a.m. only.

The ball is hoisted half mast at the 55th minute and full mast at the 57th minute. Should the ball fail to drop at the correct time, it will be lowered at five minutes past the hour and the ordinary routine repeated at the following hour, if possible.

Should the time ball be out of order the above routine will be carried out with the flag "Z", on the storm signal mast.

Time signals are also given at night by means of three white lamps mounted vertically on the Observatory wireless mast. From 8h. 56m. to 9h. 0m. 0s. p.m. the lamps are extinguished momentarily at the even seconds, except at the 2nd, 28th, 50th, 52nd, and 54th of each minute.

The hours refer to Hongkong Standard Time (8 hours of east Greenwich).

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date.	on date.
Barometer	30.13	30.14
Temperature	58	57
Humidity	80	86
Wind Direction	E. N.E.	N.E.
Wind Force	3	1
Weather	od	od
Rain	0.06	0.00
Highest open air	Temperature on the 29th	59
Lowest open air	Temperature on the 30th	58
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.		
H.K. Observatory, Mar. 30.		

EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.)

SELLING.

T/T Demand	2/4 1/4
30 d/s	2/4 5/8
60 d/s	2/5
4 m/s	Nom.
T/T Shanghai	102 1/2
T/T Singapore	96 1/2
T/T Japan	178
T/T India	178
Demand, India	46 1/4
T/T San Francisco & New York	134
T/T Java	Nom.
T/T Marks	6.70
T/T France	—
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/6 3/4
4 m/s. D/P	2/6 3/4
6 m/s. L/C	2/7
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2/8 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	49 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	7.30
6 m/s. France	7.50
Demand, Germany	46 3/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	178
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	178
On Yokohama	96 1/2
Demand, Manila	105
Demand, Singapore	102 1/2
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Bangkok	88 1/4
Sovereign	Nom. 8.10
Gold leaf per Tael	51.40
Bar Silver, ready	33 1/4
forward	33
Bank of England rates 7%	—
New York/London	3.92

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

H'kong 50 cts. pieces	par.
10 "	1 1/2% p.m.
5 "	1 1/2% dis.
Canton subcoins	14.2% dis.
Hongkong Mar. 30, 1921.	

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams are lying here:—

- S. F. Zih, Hongkong Hotel from Shanghai.
- Jardine & Co., from Shanghai.
- Radeoff Russian Opera Theatre, from Vladivostok.
- Iwata Passenger Samaran Maru c/o Dowell, from Tokyo.
- Augustus from Shanghai.
- Eitaro Saika c/o Imafuma Co. from Tokushima.
- Kitaro Toyosaburo, from Tsingtau.
- Chan Leung Chow c/o Heung-shan Kiu-shung Club Pottinger Street, from Shanghai.
- Telegraph Office, (2) (Ad. Omitted), from Peking.
- Hongpickng, from Shanghai.
- 3563, from Shanghai.
- Kaidah, from Amoy.
- Kwongmoutai, from Shanghai.
- Enghong, from Amoy.
- Watw Winghin, No. 2 Street, Wanchai, from Amoy.
- Powhingchong, from Shanghai.
- Kwongwotai, from Shanghai.
- Fatkee, from Shanghai.

TH. KRING.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1921.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

- Chanhem, from Johannesburg.
- Danby, from Swagere.
- Colenbeff Hotel Continental, from Colombo.
- Indochine, from Bangkok.
- Lowder Customs Lappe, (2), from Singapore.
- Fallside, from New York.
- Stanlands, from Alrincham.
- Tyree, from Perthwa.

M. E. F. AIREY.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1921.

AMERICAN ATHLETE'S CHALLENGE.

A Tokyo report says:—A well-known American wrestling champion, Mr. Adesantel, has arrived in Yokohama, and his object is to challenge "Jujitsu" experts, so that the Kodokan (The Jujitsu Training Hall), of Tokyo, is to select some of the most skilled hands to contest with him. He is expected to proceed to China and the South Seas, where he intends to hold tournaments.

POST OFFICE.

Telegraphic communication with Gap Rock Lighthouse is interrupted.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

Straits—Per KAMO M., 30th Mar.

Europe via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London 24th February)—Per SOUDAN, 31st Mar.

Shanghai—Per SZECHUEN, 1st Apr.

London (Parcels only 24th Feb.)

ANTIOCHUS 2nd Apr.

Japan and Shanghai—Per SADO M., 3rd Apr.

Japan—Per DELIGHT, 3rd Apr.

OUTWARD MAILS.

To-morrow.

*Straits *Bangkok Calcutta and Anen—Per LAKE FIELDING, 10 a.m.

*Philippine Is.—Per YUET WAH, 3 p.m.

Saigon—Per HSIN PING ON, 5 p.m.

Wei Hai Wei Chefoo & Tientsin—Per CHIPSHING, 5 p.m.

Java Port via Sourabaya—Per TJIKINI, 10 a.m.

*Shanghai, *North China, *Japan Honolulu, Canada, *United States, A. C. & S. America & *Europe via San Francisco—Per NANKING, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

*Shanghai and *N. China—Per SOOCHOW, 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, *Egypt & *Europe via Marseilles—Per Kt. of the GARTER, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per HYDRANGEA, 3.30 p.m.

*Shanghai & *N. China—Per FOOCHOW, 10 a.m.

Amoy *Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 3 p.m.

Shanghai & North China, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & *Europe via Vancouver—Per EMPRESS OF ASIA, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per KAMO M., 10 a.m.

Friday, 1st April.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per SOUDAN, 8.30 a.m.

*Straits, *Bangkok, *Ceylon, *Mauritius, *L. Marques, & *Cape Town—Per PEDRO NUNES, 10 a.m.

Philippine Island—Per LOONG SANG, 2 p.m.

Swatow, *Shanghai & *N. China—Per HANGSANG, 5 p.m.

Swatow, *Straits & *Bangkok—Per CHANGCHOW, 9 a.m.

Saturday, 2nd April.

*Swatow & *Bokang—Per TEOPAO, 5 p.m.

*Swatow, *Straits & *Bangkok—Per SHANGCHOW, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and N. China—Per SUI YANG, 11 a.m.

Sunday, 3rd April.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAICHING, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan, Honolulu Canada, U.S.A. C. & S. America & *Europe via San Francisco—Per TENYO MARU, Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Hsihow Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KAI FONG, 9 a.m.

Monday, 4th April.

*Straits, *Bangkok, *Ceylon, *Mauritius, *L. Marques, *S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Aden, *Egypt & *Europe via Marseilles—Per NANKING, Reg. 8.15 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.

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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 11 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per KANCHOW, 9 a.m.

Amoy, *Shanghai & *N. China—Per SZECHUEN, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, 6th April.

Hsihow Pakhoi & Haiphong—Per KAI FONG, 9 a.m.

Thursday, 7th April.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

Monday 11th April.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan—Per FOOKBANG, 11 a.m.

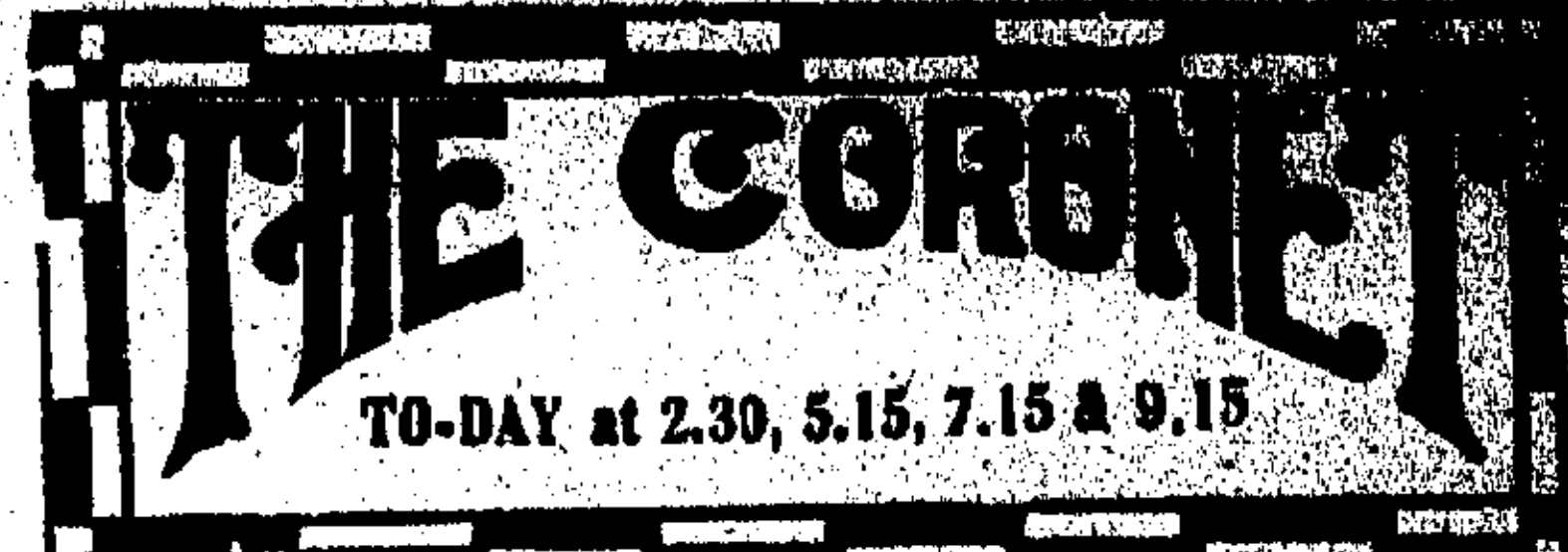
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Day	High Water	Low Water	Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 28	5.45	4.30	Mon. 5	5.45	4.30
Tues. 29	5.45	4.30	Tues. 6	5.45	4.30
Wed. 30	5.45	4.30	Wed. 7	5.45	4.30
Thur. 31	5.45	4.30	Thur. 8	5.45	4.30
Fri. 1	5.45	4.30	Fri. 9	5.45	4.30
Sat. 2	5.45	4.30	Sat. 10	5.45	4.30
Sun. 3	5.45	4.30	Sun. 11	5.45	4.30

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East Asia	b.	117
Marine Insurance.		
Cantons	a.	455
North China	n.	t. 153
Unions	b. & sa.	275
Yangtze	n.	257 1/2
Far Eastern	b.	t. 20
Fire Insurance.		
China Fires	b.	125
H. K. Fires	b.	345
Shipping.		
Douglases	n.	66
H.K. Steamboats	b.	26
Indos (Pref.)	b.	35
Indo Def. Lon/Reg.	b.	275
Indo Def. H. K. Reg.	b.	267 1/2
Shells	n.	105 1/2
Ferries	b.	35 1/2 sa. 35 1/2 1/6
Refineries.		
Sugars	b.	232 sa. 230
Malabons	b.	55
Mining.		
Kallans	n.	90 -
Langkats	n.	
Shanghai Loans	b.	t. 12
S'hai Explorations	b.	
Raub	b.	75 cts.
Tronchs	n.	23/-
Ural Caspian	b.	12/6
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H.K. Wharves	b.	100 1/4 sa. 101
K. Docks	b.	ex div. 180
S'hai Docks	b.	139 sa. 140/139
N. Engineerings	b.	26 1/4
Land, Hotels & Buildings.		
Centrals	b.	133
H.K. Hotels	b. & sa.	170
H. K. Land	b.	170 sa. 171
H'phreys Est.	b.	9.85 sa. 9.94
K'loon Lands	a.	36
L. Reclamations	n.	133
West Points	b.	58
Cotton Mills.		
Ewos	b.	t. 365
Kung Yik	b.	t. 373 1/2
Lau Kung Mow	b.	
Oriental	b.	t. 143 1/2
S'hai Cottons	b.	120
Yangtsepoos	b.	t. 24
Miscellaneous.		
Cements	b.	14 sa. 13.60
Do. Light old	b.	11
China Light new	b.	10 1/2
China Providents	b.	12 1/2
Dairy Farms	a.	25
Electric H. K.	b.	24 1/4 sa. 24 1/4
Electric Macao	n.	20 1/2
Hongkong Ropes	b.	10 1/2
Hk. Tramways	b.	13 1/2
Peak Tram, old	b.	2 1/2
Do. new	b.	1 1/2
Steam Laundries	b.	1 1/2
Steel Foundries	b.	1 1/2
Water-boats	a.	1 1/2
Watsons	a.	1 1/2
Wm. Fowells	b.	1 1/2
Wisemann	b.	1 1/2